

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

Output properties of a fuel cell can be improved by using a single cell structure ~~[[1387]] 1393~~ having an anode 102 and an oxidizing agent electrode 108 in both sides of a solid electrolyte membrane 114 and an evaporation inhibiting layer ~~[[1388]] 1390~~ covering the surface of the cathode 108 which is not in contact with the solid electrolyte membrane 114.

Please amend page 11, lines 3-4 of the present specification as follows:

In a fuel cell having the single cell structure 1390, the whole surface of the evaporation inhibiting layer ~~[[1390]] 1393~~ may be exposed, or alternatively, there may be a supplying path for the oxidizing agent 126 such that the evaporation inhibiting layer 1390 is exposed.

Please amend page 14, lines 16-19 of the present specification as follows:

A porosity of the evaporation inhibiting layer ~~[[1388]] 1390~~ may be determined by, for example, measuring a rate of the venting pores in the cross-section of the evaporation inhibiting layer by SEM observation.

Please amend page 15, line 9 of the present specification as follows:

It may ensure retention of water by the evaporation inhibiting layer ~~[[1388]] 1390~~.

Please amend page 15, lines 12-14 of the present specification as follows:

A numerical aperture in the evaporation inhibiting layer (punching plate) ~~[[1388]] 1390~~ may be for example 90 % or less, preferably 70 % or less. It may ensure retention of water by the evaporation inhibiting layer ~~[[1388]] 1390~~.